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1. The Ministry of the Interior has control over the Albanian police force through the General Police Directorate (also known as the Directorate of National Security), which is under its jurisdiction.
2. The General Police Directorate includes the following Sections:
 - a. Internal Section - This includes criminal, administrative, highway and field police.
 - b. State Security Section - This Section has duties of a political nature. The members of the force either wear uniforms or are plainclothes men. Their deputies and a net of secret agents are spread throughout the precincts, divisions, districts, municipalities and the larger enterprises. All political commissars come under their jurisdiction.
 - c. Military Security Section - This Section includes a Military Police Department, Army-State prosecution, military security branches attached to Army division staffs, and military security groups attached to regiments and units on the level of a regiment. This Section is in close collaboration with the Political Directorate in the Ministry of National Defense.
 - d. Division for National Defense (DMP) - This Division does not fall within the jurisdiction of the army, but is exclusively under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Interior. The DMP is responsible for border control and is a mobile reserve force for the suppression of rioting, as well as a bodyguard for the President and other important individuals. The Division is composed of three regiments with three to four battalions which are divided into companies, platoons and squads (of ten men each), totaling 15,000 men. Its armament consists of flame throwers, light machine guns, and machine guns. Frontier platoons are especially well-armed. Each platoon has two flame throwers, and three light machine guns. Service with the force is entirely voluntary, on the basis of a four-year stretch.
3. Each police precinct has a police section, subdivided into police divisions. Such authorities exist in districts and larger municipalities, while smaller

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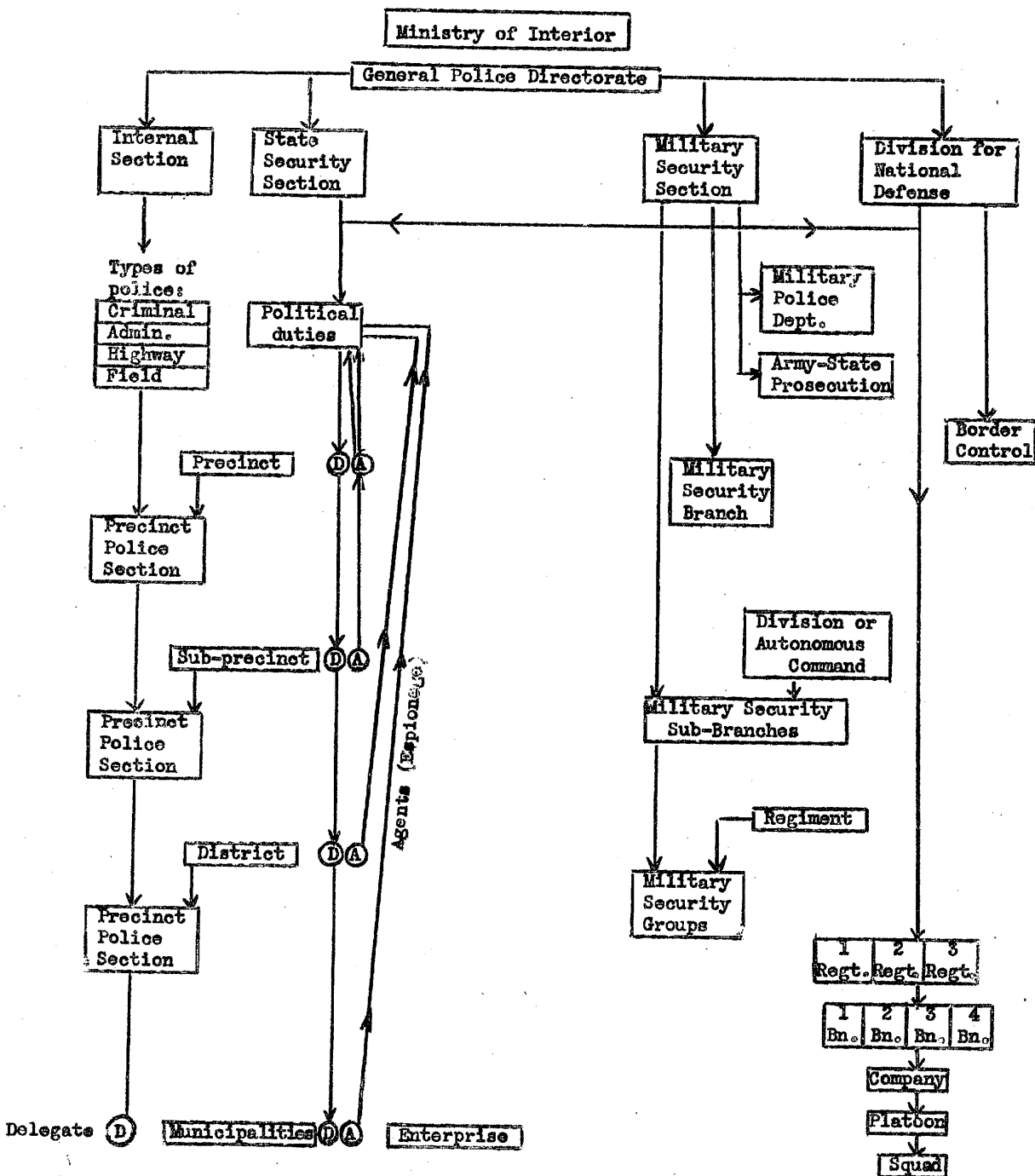
municipalities have national committee delegates who engage in police activities.

4. Police uniforms are dark blue, with a red star on the cap and on the left sleeve. Rank is indicated on the epaulettes, as in the army.
5. The Secret Police exists, but has its own organization and does not come within the framework of the general state police. In it are many MGB members (sic).
6. Information Services exist, but in general these deal only with counter-espionage.
7. A chart showing the organization of the Albanian police force is attached.

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